



needed on why the Army is so dependent on recruiting personnel under the age of 18 years compared to the other two Services, and whether steps are being taken to reduce this dependency. Of those recruited in 2012, 3.5 per cent of the Army were rated at entry level 2 for literacy (that of a 7 to 8 year old) and 39 per cent had a literacy level of an eleven year old. If as the MoD states, it has to recruit personnel at whatever level of attainment is available, then it should boost remedial action when recruitment entry standards are particularly low. In light of changes brought about by Future Force 2020, it may be that recruiting personnel with higher levels of attainment would better meet the future needs of the Armed Forces. Whilst the Committee recognises that some recruits may not be eager to take further academic exams, the MoD should encourage more recruits to undertake English and Maths GCSEs which would stand them in good stead for future employment. The MoD has carried out some useful pilot projects with paramedic training and should identify more potential projects to ensure that vital skills paid for by the MoD are not lost to the country.

**Math Phonics - Pre-Geometry Quick Tips and Alternative Techniques for Math Mastery** Lorenz Educational Press Introduce basic terms and concepts with hands-on projects, wall charts, flash cards and math art pages. The comprehensive Math Phonics program uses rules, patterns and memory techniques similar to those found in language arts phonics and provides alternative or supplemental materials to help students understand, learn, appreciate and enjoy geometry. Also includes word problems and a section on metrics.

**Teaching and Learning Mathematics in Multilingual Classrooms** Springer Contemporary concerns in mathematics education recognize that in the increasingly technological and globalized world, with concomitant change in population demographics (e.g. immigration, urbanization) and a change in the status of languages (e.g. English as a dominant language of science and technology) multilingualism in classrooms is a norm rather than an exception. Shifts in perspective also view language not simply as an instrument for cognition with all learners equipped with this instrument in service of learning, although clearly in the classroom that remains of importance. Rather, it is now also being acknowledged that language use is inherently political, so that the language that gets official recognition in the classroom is invariably the language of the powerful elite, or the dominant societal language, or in the case of post-colonial contexts the language of the colonisers. From this socio-political role of language in learning quite different issues arise for teaching, learning and curriculum for linguistically marginalized learners than that of cognition (e.g. immigrants, second language learners, other). Policies on language in education are being considered and re-considered with specific reference to mathematics teaching and learning. Given the policy environment, globally the proposed publication is timely. This edited collection draws on recent, emerging insights and understandings about the approaches to improving policy and practice in mathematics education and mathematics teacher education in multilingual settings. It presents, and discusses critically, examples of work from a range of contexts and uses these examples to draw out key issues for research in education in language diverse settings including teaching, learning, curriculum and fit these with appropriate policy and equity approaches. With contributions from all over the world, especially novice researchers in low income countries, this book is a valuable resource for courses in Mathematics Education and related social sciences both at the graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as for students of international development.

**Guide to Math Materials Resources to Support the NCTM Standards** Libraries Unlimited Do the new math standards have you scrambling? Have you been searching for pattern blocks, multilink cubes, prisms, tangrams, or puzzles to use in your next lesson? Do you want to know where to find the best calculators, math books, games, reproducibles, toys, or other math materials? You'll find math resources quickly and easily with Perry's new guide! Organized by such topics as problem solving, estimation, number sense and numeration, and geometry and spatial relationships, this book shows you where to find the manipulatives and materials you need to support the new NCTM standards. Each product is briefly described along with its classroom applications. Materials of exceptional quality and value are indicated. Even the addresses of publishers and suppliers are given. If you're looking for ways to make the implementation of the standards easier, you'll want this book. It's a great resource and a real time-saver!